

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing content to a client system, the system comprising:

an assessment system in a server that obtains from the client system currently occurring content presentation environment information associated with the client system, wherein the content presentation environment information is based on a current operating environment evaluation interrogation of the client system performed by an evaluation system in the server to obtain, from the client system, without requesting user input of the currently occurring content presentation environment information at a time of a request for the content from the client system; and

a content processing system that selects one of a plurality of versions of the content to send the client system using the obtained content presentation environment information.

2. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the obtained content presentation environment information comprises a first identifier for a content presentation application associated with the client system and a second identifier for a content transfer rate associated with the client system.

3. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the evaluation system performs the operating environment evaluation interrogation of the client system by determining two or more of a current content transfer rate for the client system, one or more types or versions of one or more Web browsers associated with the client system, one or more types or versions of one or more content presentation applications associated with the client system, and one or more types or versions of one or more operating systems associated with the client system.

4. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 3 wherein the evaluation system determines the current content transfer rate for the client system by sending an operation execution request to the client system and calculating an amount of time taken by the client system to perform an operation associated with the operation execution request, wherein the amount of time is measured from when the operation execution request is sent

until the evaluation system is notified that the client system completed performing the operation.

5. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 4 wherein the operation comprises rendering an image transmitted from the evaluation system to the client system.

6. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 3 wherein the one or more types of content presentation applications comprise at least one of a video presentation application, an audio presentation application, a hypertext document presentation application, and a document processing application.

7. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the content presentation environment information is stored at a location accessible to the client system.

8. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the assessment system determines whether stored content presentation environment information is available for retrieval from the client system, wherein the evaluation system evaluates the operating environment of the client system to obtain the content presentation environment information only if the stored content presentation environment information is determined to be unavailable.

9. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 8 wherein the assessment system stores the obtained content presentation environment information at a location accessible to the client system.

10. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 1 further comprising a content delivery system that sends the selected content to the client system in response to a request from the client system, wherein neither the assessment system, the evaluation system, the content processing system, nor the content delivery system request any additional information from the client system.

11. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 10 wherein the content delivery system sends the selected content at a content transfer rate that the selected content is formatted to be sent at.

12. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the content comprises at least one of video content, audio content, hypertext content and document content.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for providing content to a client system, the method comprising:

determining from the client system currently occurring content presentation environment information associated with the client system, wherein the currently occurring content presentation environment information is based on a current operating environment evaluation interrogation of the client system performed by an evaluation system in a server to obtain, from the client system, without requesting user input of the currently occurring content presentation environment information at a time of a request for the content from the client system; and

selecting one of a plurality of versions of the content to send the client system using the obtained content presentation environment information.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 13 wherein the obtained content presentation environment information comprises a first identifier for a content presentation application associated with the client system and a second identifier for a content transfer rate associated with the client system.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 13 wherein the obtaining content presentation environment information associated with the client system comprises performing the operating environment evaluation interrogation of the client system by determining two or more of a current content transfer rate for the client system, one or more types or versions of one or more Web browsers associated with the client system, one or more types or versions of one or more content presentation applications associated with the client system, and one or more types or versions of one or more operating systems associated with the client system.

16. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 15 wherein the determining a current content transfer rate for the client system comprises sending an operation execution request to the client system and calculating an amount of time taken by the client system to perform an operation associated with the operation execution request, wherein the amount of time is measured from when the operation execution request is sent until a notification that the client system completed performing the operation is received.

17. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 16 wherein the operation associated with the operation execution request that is performed by the client system comprises rendering an image transmitted to the client system.

18. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 15 wherein the one or more types of content presentation applications comprise at least one of a video presentation application, an audio presentation application, a hypertext document presentation application, and a document processing application.

19. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 13 wherein the content presentation environment information is stored at a location accessible to the client system.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 13 wherein the obtaining content presentation environment information associated with the client system comprises determining whether stored content presentation environment information is available for retrieval from the client system, and evaluating the operating environment of the client system to obtain the content presentation environment information only if the stored content presentation environment information is determined to be unavailable.

21. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 20 further comprising storing the obtained content presentation environment information at a location accessible to the client system.

22. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 13 further comprising sending the selected content to the client system in response to a request from the client system without requesting any additional information from the client system.

23. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 22 wherein the selected content is sent at a content transfer rate that the selected content is formatted to be sent at.

24. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 13 wherein the content comprises at least one of video content, audio content, hypertext content and document content.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon instructions for providing content to a client system, which when executed by at least one processor, causes the processor to perform:

determining from the client system currently occurring content presentation environment information associated with the client system, wherein the content presentation environment information is based on a current operating environment ~~evaluation interrogation~~ of the client system performed by an evaluation system ~~to obtain, from the client system, without requesting user input of the currently occurring content presentation environment information~~ at a time of a request for the content from the client system; and

selecting one of a plurality of versions of the content to send the client system using the obtained content presentation environment information.

26. (Original) The medium as set forth in claim 25 wherein the obtained content presentation environment information comprises a first identifier for a content presentation application associated with the client system and a second identifier for a content transfer rate associated with the client system.

27. (Currently Amended) The medium as set forth in claim 25 wherein the obtaining content presentation environment information associated with the client system comprises performing the operating environment ~~evaluation interrogation~~ of the client system by determining two or more of a current content transfer rate for the client system, one or more types or versions of one or more Web browsers associated with the client system, one

or more types or versions of one or more content presentation applications associated with the client system, and one or more types or versions of one or more operating systems associated with the client system.

28. (Original) The medium as set forth in claim 27 wherein the determining a current content transfer rate for the client system comprises sending an operation execution request to the client system and calculating an amount of time taken by the client system to perform an operation associated with the operation execution request, wherein the amount of time is measured from when the operation execution request is sent until a notification that the client system completed performing the operation is received.

29. (Original) The medium as set forth in claim 28 wherein the operation associated with the operation execution request that is performed by the client system comprises rendering an image transmitted to the client system.

30. (Original) The medium as set forth in claim 27 wherein the one or more types of content presentation applications comprise at least one of a video presentation application, an audio presentation application, a hypertext document presentation application, and a document processing application.

31. (Original) The medium as set forth in claim 25 wherein the content presentation environment information is stored at a location accessible to the client system.

32. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 25 wherein the obtaining content presentation environment information associated with the client system comprises determining whether stored content presentation environment information is available for retrieval from the client system, and evaluating the operating environment of the client system to obtain the content presentation environment information only if the stored content presentation environment information is determined to be unavailable.

33. (Original) The medium as set forth in claim 32 further comprising storing the obtained content presentation environment information at a location accessible to the client system.

34. (Original) The medium as set forth in claim 25 further comprising sending the selected content to the client system in response to a request from the client system without requesting any additional information from the client system.

35. (Original) The medium as set forth in claim 34 wherein the selected content is sent at a content transfer rate that the selected content is formatted to be sent at.

36. (Original) The medium as set forth in claim 25 wherein the content comprises at least one of video content, audio content, hypertext content and document content.

37. - 63. (Cancelled).

64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the request comprises a user agent string.

65. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the selected one of a plurality of versions are retrieved from a server memory associated with the system.

66. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the operating environment information evaluation comprises a determination of whether a cookie file is stored at the client system.

67. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 66, wherein the cookie file is retrieved, if stored at the client system, for subsequent requests for additional content from the client system.

68. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 66, wherein the cookie file comprises information related to changing an operating environment information.

69. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the obtained content presentation environment information comprises a Boolean value indicative of an audio player or a video player stored on the client system.

70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the request comprises a user agent string.

71. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the selecting comprises retrieving the selected one of a plurality of versions of the content from a server memory.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the operating environment information evaluation comprises determining whether a cookie file is stored at the client system.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, comprising retrieving the cookie file, if stored at the client system, for subsequent requests for additional content from the client system.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 73, comprising optionally changing an operating environment information based on the retrieved cookie file.

75. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the obtained content presentation environment information comprises a Boolean value indicative of an audio player or a video player stored on the client system.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the determining comprises interpreting a script embedded in a code embodying the content, and replacing the script with another script for displaying the content.

77. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 25, further comprising receiving a request from the client system for providing the content, wherein the request comprises a user agent string.

78. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 25, wherein the selecting comprises retrieving the selected one of a plurality of versions of the content from a server memory.

79. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 25, wherein the operating environment information evaluation comprises determining whether a cookie file is stored at the client system.

80. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 79, wherein based on the determining, the cookie file is retrieved for subsequent requests for additional content from the client system.

81. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 80, wherein an operating environment information is optionally changed based on the retrieved cookie file.

82. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 25, wherein the obtained content presentation environment information comprises a Boolean value indicative of an audio player or a video player stored on the client system.

83. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 25, wherein the determining comprises interpreting a script embedded in a code embodying the content, and replacing the script with another script for playing the content.